**General Prologue**

**Here bygynneth the Book of the Tales of Caunterbury**

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| |  | | --- | |  | |  | Whan that Aprill, with his [shoures soote](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#shoures%20soote)  The [droghte](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#droghte) of March hath perced to the roote | |  | And bathed every [veyne](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#veyne) in [swich](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#swich) licour, | |  | Of which vertu engendred is the flour; | |  | (5) Whan [Zephirus](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#Zephirus) [eek](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#eek) with his sweete breeth | |  | Inspired hath in every holt and heeth | |  | The tendre [croppes](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#croppes), and the yonge [sonne](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#sonne) | |  | Hath in the Ram his halfe cours yronne, | |  | And [smale](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#smale) [foweles](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#foweles) maken melodye, | |  | (10)That slepen al the nyght with open eye- | |  | (So [priketh](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#priketh) [hem](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#hem) Nature in hir [corages](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#corages)); | |  | Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages | |  | And [palmeres](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#palmeres) for to seken [straunge strondes](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#straunge%20strondes) | |  | To [ferne halwes](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#ferne%20halwes), [kowthe](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#kowthe) in [sondry londes](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#sondry%20londes); | |  | (15)And specially from every shires ende | |  | Of Engelond, to Caunterbury they wende, | |  | The [hooly](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#hooly) [blisful](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#blisful) martir for to [seke](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#seke) | |  | That [hem](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#hem) hath holpen, whan that they were [seeke](http://www.librarius.com/gy.htm#seeke). | | 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  11\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  12\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  13\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  14\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  15\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  16\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  17\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  18\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |



